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**CH2M HILL Hanford Group works one million hours safely**

RICHLAND, Wash.— CH2M HILL Hanford Group has worked one million hours, or almost four months, continuously without a lost-time injury.

“Every hour that each individual CH2M HILL Hanford Group employee works safely is a success,” said John Fulton, CH2M HILL Hanford Group senior vice president of environmental, safety, health and quality. “Achieving one million hours of safe work as a company shows the strength of our individual commitment to safety.”

The work performed by CH2M HILL Hanford Group during this period included safe storage of Hanford’s radioactive tank waste, upgrading old waste transfer pits and building new ones, laying approximately 8,000 feet of waste transfer pipeline, and transferring nearly 300,000 gallons of liquid waste out of single-shell tanks and into double-shell tanks for safer storage.

“Safety is a vital component of the River Protection Project, not only keeping the river and its surrounding communities safe but also keeping ourselves and our co-workers safe each workday. I am pleased to congratulate all CH2M HILL Hanford Group employees and subcontractors on achieving this million-hour milestone, and I look forward to all of us extending that record as the days and months go by,” said Ed Aromi, CH2M HILL Hanford Group acting president.

CH2M HILL Hanford Group Inc. is the Department of Energy's Office of River Protection prime contractor responsible for storing, characterizing and retrieving for treatment approximately 53 million gallons of highly radioactive and hazardous waste stored in 177 underground tanks.

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